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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION –**  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 8, 2005, subjecting Claims 1-31 of the above-referenced Application to restriction and/or election requirement, Applicants respectfully request that the following election be entered and remarks be considered, without prejudice or disclaimer to continued examination on the merits.